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Mr. Fred Templeton
Kennecott Copper Corporation
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Re: Reclamation efforts at
Utah Copper Division

Dear Mr. Templeton:

The Division Staff recently had the opportunity to conduct two information gathering tours of field reclamation efforts with Kennecott personnel Paul Rokich and Pam Grumbough. All of the projects which were visited were both impressive and encouraging.

Efforts being presently made in the tailings pond area, evaporation pond area, and on the waste dumps themselves demonstrated to the Division that your company is making an attempt to investigate the requirements for successful reclamation in these areas. Extreme conditions on these sites are commonplace, but the challenge of overcoming soil sterility, drought, low Ph, high winds, and generally inhospitable conditions for plant growth and development are being met head-on in your staff's efforts.

We, and I am sure you, anticipate that such efforts will continue and that through our annual meetings, as described in the Board's contract for reclamation with Kennecott, we will be able to jointly outline plans for further research and subsequent working reclamation technology at the Bingham Canyon Mine Complex.

Further, I hope that the pending reclamation contract will be consummated between Kennecott and the Board and that our first annual consultation on reclamation work to be done in the coming year can be held in January, 1979.

Very truly yours,

Ronald W. Daniels

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